Assignment 1: Character Sketch

A character sketch is used to introduce the reader to the main character of the story.

**Your final copy of this assignment should be written in paragraph format. It should contain complete sentences, proper grammar, and capitalization and punctuation. It may be neatly hand-written or typed.**

In this assignment I am also looking for:

* What is the main character’s name?
* What does the main character look like?
* What does the main character dress like (if applicable)?
* How old do you think the character is?
* Where does the character live?
* Making inferences: What is the character’s personality like? (See below chart)

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| **Three Personality Traits** | **Details from the book that show these traits** |
| **1.** |  |
| 2. |  |
| 3. |  |

**Some ideas about traits:**

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| Determined | Nervous | Thoughtless |
| Shy | Thoughtful | Supportive |
| Helpful | Popular | Hardworking |
| Confident | Honest | Brave |
| Bossy | Sly | Cowardly |
| Sneaky | Rude | Dishonest |

**Character Sketch Rubric**

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| Criteria |  | Quality |  |  |
| Content of Character Sketch  X3 | Vague/Unrelated Details | Disjointed/Rambling Details | Basic Details | Intricate details of the character’s physical traits and their personality traits with evidence found within the text |
| Creativity | Character sketch extremely basic with little to no creativity | Safe or ordinary language, not very creative | Interesting use of language that engages the reader | Captivating and interesting use of language that engages the reader |
| COPS  Capitalization  Organization  Punctuation  Spelling | 10+ errors | 6-9 errors | 3-5 errors | 1-2 errors |

**Character Sketch Example: Harry Potter**

In the novel, Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by J.K. Rowling, the main character is Harry James Potter. Harry is an 11 year old boy. He is an orphan who lives with his only family, the Dursleys, on number four, Privet Drive. Harry is very skinny which is accentuated by the fact that he has to wear his rather large cousin Dudley’s hand-me-downs. He also wears an old broken pair of glasses that are taped together. Harry has a scar on the top of his forehead which is generally covered by his shaggy black hair. Harry seems to be a quiet boy. This could be due to his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon always talking about Harry while he is around and acting as if he is not in the room. They do not say kind things about Harry which would make me not want to talk to them either. Harry also seems to be nervous when around the Dursleys. He always has to be careful about what he says. When he says something that seems strange to them, such as having a dream about a flying motorcycle, he gets in trouble from his Aunt and Uncle. Although Harry is quiet and nervous, he is very tolerant. Since Harry does not have anywhere else to go he puts up with the awful treatment he receives from his Aunt, Uncle, and cousin. They force him to do most of the chores and make him sleep in a cupboard under the stairs.